



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

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SPECIAL ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR 2020 ELECTION AND REFERENDUM

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Election Board (“Election Board”) held a duly constituted meeting on Onerahtohkó:wa/May 14, 2020, to determine when to hold a Special Election to fulfill its obligation of having an Annual Election. In a prior press release, the Election Board had decided that it would not hold a Special Election until after the Tribe’s State of Emergency (TCR 2020-17) had been lifted. As the situation progresses, it appears to be improving although the State of Emergency is still in effect. After deliberating and seeking recommendations from the Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”), the Election Board has decided to call a Special Election for the position of Tribal Chief, Tribal Sub-Chief, and Traffic Court Judge 2 as well as hold the Referendum regarding the proposed name change for the Tribe. The EOC shall be approving separate safety protocols to protect the voters, Election Board Members and staff.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section III.B—General Provisions of the Election and Referendum Ordinance (TCR 2019-03), the Election Board has determined to conduct a Special Election on Iahìà:khaton/Saturday, Ohiarìhko:wa/July 11, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Regis Mohawk Election Board adopts the following Special Election Procedures for the 2020 Election and Referendum:

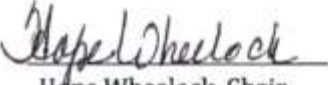
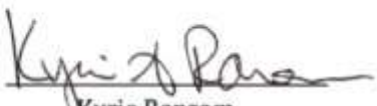
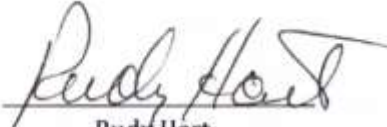
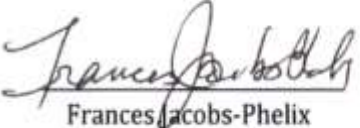
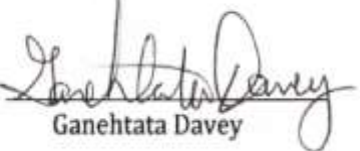
1. Under Section VIII.A and E—Absentee Voting of TCR 2019-03 the following shall apply:
 - a. Any eligible voter may contact the Tribal Clerk’s office to obtain an “Absentee Ballot Application” from Kiokierénhton/Monday, June/ Ohiarí:ha 15, 2020 until Tekeníhaton/Tuesday, Ohiarìhko:wa/July 7, 2020; and
 - b. The eligible voter shall affirm to his/her identity on the Absentee Ballot Application; and
 - c. In-home voting shall only be available for eligible voters who are physically unable to request an Absentee Ballot Application or vote in-person and reside on the Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation, as defined by the 1796 Treaty.

The remaining procedures of Section VIII remain the same including the remaining procedures of Section VIII.A and E of TCR 2019-03.

2. Under Section IX—Caucus of TCR 2019-03, it shall be held Iahìà:khaton/Saturday, Ohiarí:ha/June 13, 2020, at the former IGA Building and streamed live via Facebook. No observers shall be allowed. The remaining caucus procedures of TCR 2019-03 Section IX remain the same.
3. Under Section XIII.B—Referendum of TCR 2019-03, the Election Board has deemed it essential for the three (3) public meetings for the Referendum regarding the Tribe's name change be held virtually.
4. Under Section XIII.E—Referendum of TCR 2019-03, the Election Board is requesting a Tribal Police Officer be present during voting, including walk-in voting, of the Referendum to direct traffic. The remaining referendum procedures of TCR 2019-03 remain the same.
5. Unless otherwise modified herein, the remaining procedures and timelines of the Election and Referendum Ordinance (TCR 2019-03) remain the same.

Approved on this 14th date of May, 2020

THE SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE ELECTION BOARD

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